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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Satoshi SAITO et al.) Group Art Unit: 1633
Application No.: 10/507,129) Examiner: Scott Long
Filing Date: April 11, 2005) Confirmation No.: 8898
For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING)
ETHANOL PRODUCTION AND MASS)
PRODUCTION OF LACTIC ACID AND)
TRANSFORMANT THEREFOR)

VIA EFS WEB

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2009, the response for which having been extended through March 23, 2010, with a Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fee payment filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. This Reply is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and qualifies as a Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Amendments to the Specification begins at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 5 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments consist of a Declaration of Toru ONISHI under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).